THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Complaints regarding corruption and lack of integrity have been received from time to time. The merit of each complaint is looked into, if necessary through an inquiry, and action is taken on the basis of the existing guidelines.

Plan to increase the Potential of DD's Infrastructure

2342. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific plan to increase the potential of DD's infrastructure; and

(b) the reasons of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The present infrastructure of Doordarshan, built over a period of time, comprises 52 studios and 1203 transmitters, located in various parts of the country. Increase in the potential of Doordarshan's infrastructure, both in terms of reach and quality, is a continuous process, and schemes in this regard are formulated and implemented by Prasar Bharati from time to time, within the constraints of resources available and inter-se priorities. At pesent, for further expansion of the Doordarshan network, 12 studios and 229 transmitters are at various stages of implementation.

Package for NER

2343. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to spend Rs. 1,100 crore in the North East Region and a package had been promised to improve the DD Telecasts in this area as it was felt that transmitters in this region were not powerful enough to counter the propaganda emanating from Bangladesh and Myanmar;

(b) if so, whether the amount of the package has been pruned;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when modern and powerful transmitters will be installed there?